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For: UNIVERSAL CEMENTING PLUG

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In response to the office action mailed 03/01/02 please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please rewrite the paragraph at Column 4, lines 21-27, as follows:

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Body member 24 has a substantially cylindrical configuration having a longitudinal axis extending vertically and a radially-extending thickness with an outer surface 28 and a central opening, such as a first bore 30, defined longitudinally therethrough. Hence, when the term "axial direction" is used henceforth, it is meant to correspond to a direction extending along the vertically extending longitudinal axis, and when the term "radial direction" is used henceforth, it is meant to correspond to a direction perpendicular to the axial direction. A larger second bore 32 is defined in the upper end of body member 24 such that an upwardly facing annular shoulder 34 is defined between first bore 30 and second bore 32. Thus, a recess is formed in the upper end of the central opening.

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AMENDMENT

In response to the office action mailed April 16, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Page 1, at line 1, insert the following new paragraph:

---This application is a parent application of applicant's copending reissue application S. N. 10/307,113. ---

In the Claims:

Cancel claim 89 and rewrite claim 92 in independent form as follows:

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92. (Amended) A method for wiping the inner surface of a casing comprising:  
providing a plug in the casing having at least two axially-spaced and overlapping  
wipers to engage and wipe the inner surface;  
applying pressure from one end of the casing to move the plug within the casing;  
and

providing an insert across a central opening in the plug for closure thereof,

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AMENDMENT

I. **Introductory Comments**

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Office Actions mailed April 16, 2003 and February 6, 2004.

A fee for a three month extension of time is necessary. The extension of time is hereby requested, and a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is filed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-1394 of Haynes and Boone, LLP.

**Amendment to the Specification** is set forth on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.

A new declaration is attached to this paper.

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## AMENDMENT

## I. Introductory Comments

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Office Actions mailed April 16, 2003 and February 6, 2004 and to a Notice of Non-Compliance dated December 21, 2004.

No additional fees are deemed necessary but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-1394 of Haynes and Boone, LLP.

Amendment to the Specification is set forth on page 2 of this paper.

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Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

A new declaration is attached.

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION**  
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I. **Introductory Comments**

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Communication mailed February 23, 2005.

No fees, including extension of time fees, are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any fees, including extension of time fees are necessary, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

There are no amendments to the claims which are listed beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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